

OFFICERS OF UNITED STATES ARMY ON FURLOUGH.

---

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

TRANSMITTING

*Various reports from officers in charge of military bureaus, showing the names of such officers as are absent from duty on furlough, &c., the amount of pay allowed them, &c., &c.*

---

FEBRUARY 9, 1844.

Read, and laid upon the table.

---

WAR DEPARTMENT, *February 7, 1844.*

SIR: In answer to a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 29th ultimo, requiring the Secretary of War to transmit to the House "the names and rank of all officers of the army of the United States absent from duty on furlough or otherwise, the term for which such furlough or leave of absence was granted, the amount of monthly or yearly pay received by each of said officers while so absent from duty, and also the amount of such pay while on duty;" and, also, "the names and grade of all officers of the corps of topographical engineers who are absent on furlough, the time for which such furlough was granted, and the amount of pay monthly or annually received by each while so absent; also, the amount monthly or annually received by each while on duty," I respectfully transmit, herewith, reports from the Adjutant General and Paymaster General, together with separate reports from all officers in charge of the military bureaus, to whom the resolution had been referred, which contain all the information required by the resolution.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. M. PORTER.

Hon. J. W. JONES,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

Blair & Rivers, printers.

*List of officers of the army of the United States, "absent from duty on furlough, or otherwise," furnished in compliance with the resolution of the House of Representatives of January 29, 1844.*

2

No.	Names.	Rank.	Period of leave.	Commencement of leave.	Remarks.
<i>General officers.</i>					
1	Edmund P. Gaines - -	Brevet major general	5 months -	Sept. 18, 1843.	
<i>Adjutant General's department.</i>					
2	W. W. S. Bliss - -	Brevet captain -	40 days -	Jan. 2, 1844.	
<i>Quartermaster's department.</i>					
3	Frederick Searle - -	Brevet major -	-	Nov. 25, 1839 -	Disabled from performing duty by a wound received in Florida.
<i>Medical department.</i>					
4	Josiah Simpson - -	Assistant surgeon -	6 months -	Sept. 30, 1843.	
<i>Corps of engineers.</i>					
5	Sylvanus Thayer - -	Brevet colonel -	2 years -	Dec. 21, 1843 -	Benefit of his health.
6	H. W. Halleck - -	2d lieutenant -	Till May 1, 1844	Nov. 25, 1843 -	Benefit of his health.
<i>Ordnance department.</i>					
7	H. K. Craig - -	Major - -	2 months -	Dec. 20, 1843.	
8	R. H. K. Whiteley - -	Captain - -	4 months -	Nov. 10, 1843.	
<i>Regiment of dragoons.</i>					
9	R. B. Mason - -	Lieutenant colonel -	8 months -	Oct. 20, 1843 -	Benefit of his health.
10	J. H. K. Burgwin - -	Captain - -	6 months -	Oct. 14, 1843.	
11	William Eustis - -	1st lieutenant -	4 months -	April 14, 1843 -	Reports sick, and unable to perform duty since expiration of leave.

Doc. No. 112.

12	L. B. Northrop	-	-	1st lieutenant	-	-	Dec. 11, 1843	-	Inability to perform duty in consequence of a wound.
13	R. H. West	-	-	1st lieutenant	-	2 months	July 5, 1843	-	Reports sick, and unable to perform duty since expiration of leave.
<i>First artillery.</i>									
14	J. L. Donaldson	-	-	1st lieutenant	-	3 months	July 2, 1843	-	Reports sick, and unable to perform duty since expiration of leave.
15	H. D. Grafton	-	-	2d lieutenant	-	2 months	Dec. 8, 1843.	-	
16	William S. Smith	-	-	2d lieutenant	-	20 days	Not yet reported.	-	
17	Isaac Bowen	-	-	2d lieutenant	-	Till Feb. 26, 1844	Dec. 22, 1843.	-	
<i>Second artillery.</i>									
18	A. C. W. Fanning	-	-	Brevet colonel	-	Till May 31, 1844	Dec. 29, 1843	-	Benefit of his health.
19	T. P. Ridgely	-	-	1st lieutenant	-	Till May 31, 1844	Nov. 7, 1843	-	Benefit of his health.
20	S. S. Anderson	-	-	2d lieutenant	-	2 months	Dec. 10, 1843	-	Benefit of his health.
21	Lucian Loeser	-	-	Brevet 2d lieutenant	-	1 month	Dec. 7, 1843	-	Reports sick, and unable to perform duty since expiration of leave.
<i>Third artillery.</i>									
22	W. L. McClintock	-	-	Major	-	-	May 26, 1842	-	Ill health; inability to perform any duty.
23	Robert Anderson	-	-	Captain	-	3 months	Dec. 7, 1843.	-	
24	William Frazer	-	-	1st lieutenant	-	1 month	Not yet reported	-	Benefit of his health.
<i>Fourth artillery.</i>									
25	J. C. Pemberton	-	-	1st lieutenant	-	4 months	Nov. 29, 1843.	-	
26	C. F. Wooster	-	-	1st lieutenant	-	15 months and 10 days.	Dec. 14, 1842.	-	
<i>First infantry.</i>									
27	John H. King	-	-	1st lieutenant	-	2 months	Dec. 17, 1843	-	Benefit of his health.
28	S. E. Muse	-	-	1st lieutenant	-	Till Mar. 1, 1844	Oct. 25, 1843	-	Resigns at expiration of leave.
<i>Second infantry.</i>									
29	Bennet Riley	-	-	Lieutenant colonel	-	Till Feb. 22, 1844	Not yet reported.	-	
30	J. R. Smith	-	-	Captain	-	20 days	Not yet reported.	-	
31	A. T. Hoffman	-	-	2d lieutenant	-	2 months	Nov. 8, 1843	-	Benefit of his health. Reports unable to join since expiration of leave.

## LIST—Continued.

4

No.	Names.	Rank.	Period of leave.	Commencement of leave.	Remarks.
<i>Third infantry.</i>					
32	J. B. Many - - -	Colonel - - -	- - -	Oct. 23, 1840 -	Impaired health.
33	W. W. Lear - - -	Major - - -	- - -	Dec. 9, 1843 -	Benefit of his health.
34	Otis Wheeler - - -	Captain - - -	- - -	Oct. 12, 1843 -	Resigns at expiration of leave.
35	J. Van Horn - - -	Captain - - -	- - -	May 14, 1843 -	Benefit of his health. Reports from Venice his inability to perform duty.
<i>Fourth infantry.</i>					
36	R. E. Cochrane - - -	1st lieutenant - - -	- - -	Dec. 3, 1843.	
<i>Fifth infantry.</i>					
37	W. V. Cobbs - - -	Major - - -	- - -	July 10, 1839 -	Ill health; inability to perform any duty.
<i>Sixth infantry.</i>					
38	Z. Taylor - - -	Brevet brig. general - - -	- - -	Jan. 2, 1844.	
39	Thomas Noel - - -	Brevet major - - -	- - -	Feb. 19, 1839 -	Disabled from performing duty by a wound.
40	B. C. Edes - - -	1st lieutenant - - -	- - -	May 30, 1843 -	Reports sick, and unable to perform duty since expiration of leave.
41	L. A. Armistead - - -	2d lieutenant - - -	- - -	Nov. 15, 1843.	
42	F. F. Flint - - -	2d lieutenant - - -	- - -	June 11, 1843 -	Reports sick, and unable to perform duty since expiration of leave.
<i>Seventh infantry.</i>					
43	H. C. Story - - -	2d lieutenant - - -	- - -	Till Feb. 28, 1844	Not yet reported.
<i>Eighth infantry.</i>					
44	W. J. Worth - - -	Brevet brig. general - - -	- - -	Not yet reported.	
45	E. B. Birdsall - - -	Captain - - -	- - -	June 6, 1842 -	Ill health; inability to perform any duty.
46	W. C. Browne - - -	1st lieutenant - - -	- - -	Jan. 30, 1842 -	Ill health; inability to perform any duty.
47	T. S. J. Johnson - - -	1st lieutenant - - -	- - -	Dec. 21, 1843.	

Doc. No. 112.

<i>Regiment of riflemen.</i>								
48	D. E. Twigg	-	-	Colonel	-	-	Till Mar. 1, 1844	July 13, 1843.
49	W. M. Fulton	-	-	Captain	-	-	2 months	Dec. 24, 1843.
50	N. W. Hunter	-	-	Captain	-	-	2 months	Aug. 29, 1843 -
								Reports sick, and unable to perform duty since expiration of leave.
51	Z. M. P. Inge	-	-	1st lieutenant	-	-	4 months	Dec. 8, 1843.
52	John H. Hill	-	-	1st lieutenant	-	-	2 months	Oct. 25, 1843 -
53	W. G. Torrey	-	-	2d lieutenant	-	-	2 months	June 6, 1843 -
								Unable to join in consequence of a fractured leg. Reports sick, and unable to perform duty since expiration of leave.
54	Lewis Neill	-	-	Brevet 2d lieutenant			Till May 1, 1844	July 1, 1843.

*Suspended 1.*—Captain Anthony Drane, of the 5th infantry, for 2 years, from October 11, 1843.

The records of this office do not show that any officers of the corps of topographical engineers are now on leave of absence.

Respectfully submitted:

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, *Washington, February 3, 1844.*

HON. J. M. PORTER, *Secretary of War,*

R. JONES, *Adj. Gen.*

## PAYMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,

February 5, 1844.

SIR: I have the honor to enclose, herewith, a statement showing the monthly pay and allowances received through the Pay department, by such officers as the Adjutant General reports to be absent from duty, on furlough or otherwise, as called for by the resolution of the House of Representatives of 29th January, 1844.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

N. TOWSON,

Paymaster General.

To the Hon. J. M. PORTER,  
Secretary of War.

*Statement showing the monthly pay and allowances received through the Pay department, by such officers as the Adjutant General reports to be absent from duty, on furlough or otherwise, as called for by the resolution of the House of Representatives of January 29, 1844.*

Number.	Names.	Rank.	Monthly pay & allowances while absent from duty.	Monthly pay & allowances while on duty.	Remarks.
1	E. P. Gaines -	Brevet major general -	\$262 50	\$498 00	Brevet pay and double rations while on duty.
2	W. W. S. Bliss -	Brevet capt. and assist. adjutant general.	126 50	126 50	
3	F. Searle -	Brevet major and ass't quartermaster.	138 50	138 50	
4	J. Simpson -	Assistant surgeon -	120 50	120 50	Double rations while on duty.
5	S. Thayer -	Brevet col. and lieut. col. engineers.	212 00	212 00	
6	H. W. Halleck -	Lientenant engineers -	89 83	89 83	
7	H. K. Craig -	Major ordnance -	185 00	185 00	
8	R. H. K. Whitely -	Captain ordnance -	126 50	126 50	
9	R. B. Mason -	Lieut. col. dragoons -	200 00	230 00	
10	J. H. K. Burgwin -	Captain dragoons -	126 50	136 50	
11	W. Eustis -	1st lieut. dragoons -	101 83	101 83	
12	L. B. Northrop -	1st lieut. dragoons -	101 83	101 83	
13	R. West, jr. -	1st lieut. -	95 83	95 83	
14	J. L. Donaldson -	1st lieut. 1st artillery -	75 50	75 50	Double rations while on duty.
15	H. D. Grafton -	2d lieut. 1st artillery -	64 50	64 50	
16	W. S. Smith -	2d lieut. 1st artillery -	64 50	64 50	
17	Isaac Bowen -	2d lieut. 1st artillery -	64 50	64 50	
18	A. C. W. Fanning -	Brevet col. and lieut. col. 2d artillery.	181 00	211 00	
19	T. P. Ridgely -	1st lieut. 2d artillery -	87 50	87 50	
20	S. S. Anderson -	2d lieut. 2d artillery -	64 50	64 50	
21	L. Looser -	2d lieut. 2d artillery -	64 50	64 50	
22	W. L. McClintock -	Major 3d artillery -	165 00	189 00	
23	R. Anderson -	Captain 3d artillery -	97 50	107 50	Double rations while on duty.
24	W. Frazer -	1st lieut. 3d artillery -	75 50	75 50	
25	J. C. Pemberton -	1st lieut. 4th artillery -	75 50	75 50	
26	C. F. Wooster -	1st lieut. 4th artillery -	75 50	75 50	
27	J. H. King -	1st lieut. 1st infantry -	75 50	75 50	
28	S. E. Muse -	1st lieut. 1st infantry -	75 50	75 50	

## STATEMENT—Continued.

Number.	Names.	Rank.	Monthly pay & allowances while absent from duty.	Monthly pay & allowances while on duty.	Remarks.
29	B. Riley - -	Lieut. col. 2d infantry	\$181 00	\$211 00	Double rations while on duty.
30	J. R. Smith - -	Captain 2d infantry -	103 50	113 50	
31	A. T. Hoffman - -	2d lieut. 2d infantry -	70 50	70 50	
32	J. B. Many - -	Colonel 3d infantry -	228 00	264 00	Double rations while on duty.
33	W. W. Lear - -	Major 3d infantry -	159 00	159 00	
34	O. Wheeler - -	Captain 3d infantry -	103 50	113 50	
35	J. Van Horn - -	Captain 3d infantry -	97 50	107 50	
36	R. E. Cochrane - -	1st lieut. 3d infantry -	75 50	75 50	
37	W. V. Cobbs - -	Major - -	165 00	189 00	Double rations while on duty.
38	Z. Taylor - -	Brevet brig. general, col. 6th infantry.	216 00	334 50	Brevet pay and double rations while on duty.
39	T. Noel - -	Brevet major, captain 6th infantry.	103 50	113 50	
40	B. C. Edes - -	1st lieut. 6th infantry	75 50	75 50	
41	L. A. Armistead -	2d lieut. 6th infantry -	64 50	64 50	
42	F. F. Flint - -	2d lieut. 6th infantry -	64 50	64 50	
43	H. C. Story - -	2d lieut. 7th infantry -	64 50	64 50	
44	W. J. Worth - -	Brevet brig. gen., col. 8th infantry.	210 00	334 50	Brevet pay and double rations while on duty.
45	E. B. Birdsall - -	Captain 8th infantry -	103 50	113 50	
46	W. C. Brown - -	1st lieut. 8th infantry -	75 50	75 50	
47	T. S. J. Johnson -	1st lieut. 8th infantry -	75 50	75 50	
48	D. E. Twiggs - -	Colonel rifle regiment	210 00	246 00	Double rations while on duty.
49	W. M. Fulton - -	Captain rifle regiment	85 50	95 50	
50	N. W. Hunter - -	Captain rifle regiment	85 50	95 50	
51	Z. M. P. Inge - -	1st lieut. rifle regiment	75 50	75 50	
52	J. H. Hill - -	1st lieut. rifle regiment	69 50	69 50	
53	W. G. Torrey - -	2d lieut. rifle regiment	64 50	64 50	
54	L. Neill - -	Brev't lt. rifle regiment	64 50	64 50	
	<i>Suspended.</i>				
1	A. Drane - -	Captain 5th infantry -	57 50	107 50	

PAYMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
February 5, 1844.

N. TOWSON,  
Paymaster General.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
Washington City, February 5, 1844.

SIR: I have the honor to report, under so much of the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 29th of January, relating to officers absent from duty, as refers to this office, that only two of the officers now absent receive the allowances usually paid or furnished through this department. They are Majors Noel and Searle, both of whom were severely wounded in the performance of their duty in Florida, and who, by a decision of the Secretary of War, receive the allowances of officers on duty.

Major Noel receives, for quarters	-	-	-	\$288 00
for fuel	-	-	-	102 75
				<hr/>
				\$390 75
Major Searle receives, for quarters	-	-	-	\$288 00
for fuel	-	-	-	102 75
				<hr/>
				390 75
				<hr/>
				\$781 50
				<hr/>

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

TH. S. JESUP,  
Quartermaster General.

To the Hon. JAMES M. PORTER,  
Secretary of War, Washington City.

BUREAU OF TOPOGRAPHICAL ENGINEERS,  
Washington, February 2, 1844.

SIR: In reply to the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 29th January, referred by you to this office, I have the honor to report that no officers of the corps of topographical engineers are "absent from duty, on furlough or otherwise."

Very respectfully, sir, your obedient servant,

J. J. ABERT,  
Colonel Corps of Topographical Engineers.

Hon. J. M. PORTER,  
Secretary of War.

ENGINEER DEPARTMENT,  
Washington, February 2, 1844.

SIR: In compliance with the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 29th January, calling for the names and rank of all officers of the army on furlough, and also for the pay received by them, (which resolution has been sent to this office for a report thereon,) I have the honor to state that the only officers belonging to the corps of engineers who are absent from duty are the two following, viz:

Lieutenant Colonel S. Thayer, brevet colonel: Leave commenced December 21, 1843, to continue two years, unless sooner restored to health: granted on account of illness.

Second Lieutenant Henry W. Halleck: Leave commenced November 16, 1843, to end on the 1st of May, 1844: granted on account of ill health.

Sickness only is the cause of absence in both the above cases. Colonel Thayer's health has been in so precarious a state for several years, as to excite the alarm of his friends and of his physician; and the Government, in consideration of the great value to the nation of his talents, knowledge, and experience, has been anxious that, for a time, he should withdraw himself from his duties, and try the effect of a more mild and equable climate. It was only lately that he yielded to the actual necessity for such a change. It is expressly understood that, should his health be restored, he will not await the expiration of his leave.

Lieutenant Halleck's leave was granted on the certificate of the surgeon that his health required relief from his duties. There is reason to suppose that his youth will restore him to duty at the expiration of his leave, re-invigorated by change of climate, and relaxation from sedentary employments.

On the pay allowed to officers when on leave, and when on duty, it is understood that a report will be made from another office.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your most obedient servant,

JOS. G. TOTTEN,  
*Colonel, and Chief Engineer.*

Hon. JAMES M. PORTER,  
*Secretary of War.*

ORDNANCE OFFICE,  
*Washington, February 1, 1844.*

SIR: In relation to the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 29th January, referred to this office, I respectfully state that Major H. K. Craig is the only officer of the ordnance department now on furlough or leave of absence, and that his leave was for sixty days from the 20th December last. His pay, while absent from duty, as well as while on duty, is a matter which, pertaining to the pay department, is not known at this office.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

G. TALCOTT,  
*Lieutenant Colonel of Ordnance.*

Hon. J. M. PORTER,  
*Secretary of War.*

OFFICE OF COMMISSARY GENERAL OF SUBSISTENCE,  
*Washington, February 1, 1844.*

SIR: In reply to the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 29th January, referred by you to this office, I have the honor to report that no officers of this department are "absent from duty, on furlough or otherwise."

Most respectfully, your obedient servant,

GEO. GIBSON,  
*Commissary General of Subsistence.*

Hon. J. M. PORTER,  
*Secretary of War.*

SURGEON GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
February 2, 1844.

SIR: In reply to the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 29th ultimo, I have the honor to state that the only officer of the medical department "absent from duty, on furlough or otherwise," by authority from this office, is Josiah Simpson, assistant surgeon United States army; that the leave of absence is for the period of four months, to the 28th March next; and that the amount of his pay and emoluments per month, while on furlough, is \$120 50, which is the same that he would receive were he on duty, with the exception of fuel and quarters in kind.

It may not be improper to state that the object of Assistant Surgeon Simpson in asking for a leave of absence is a laudable one—it being for the purpose of professional improvement at one of the medical schools.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

TH. LAWSON,  
Surgeon General.

Hon. J. M. PORTER,  
Secretary of War, Washington.